Thank you for purchasing a 2005 Michigan fishing license

Each year an estimated two million Michigan residents and 334,000 nonresident tourists fish Michigan waters. Recreational fishing is the largest and highest-valued use of the state's fishery resources. The economic impact of sport fishing is in excess of \$1.4 billion annually and provides more than 18,000 jobs.

The mission of the DNR Fisheries Division is to protect and maintain healthy aquatic environments and fish communities, provide diverse public fishing opportunities to maximize the value to anglers, permit and encourage efficient and stable commercial fisheries, and foster and contribute to public stewardship of natural resources through a scientific understanding of fish, fishing, and fishery management.

Your purchase of a fishing license supports the work of department employees who manage and protect Michigan's abundant aquatic resources. We encourage you to keep fishing and to share your experiences with others. In doing so, you can do your part to keep our state's fishing heritage alive for future generations.

